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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, JULY 27, FROM NEW DELHI

RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE

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FOR SISCO FROM MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, BG, US

SUBJ: INDO-BANGLADESH FRIENDSHIP, AMERICAN SUBVERSION

THEREOF

REF: STATE 195558

1. SOMETHING FUNNY IS GOING ON HERE. OR SOMETHING NOT  
SO FUNNY. EITHER WAY I APPRECIATE YOUR HAVING AUTHORIZED  
ME TO RAISE THE SUBJECT WITH SWARAN SINGH, AND WHILST I CAN  
ONLY AT THIS POINT CLOUD THE ISSUE STILL FURTHER, IT WOULD  
SEEM THIS IS SOMETHING WE MUST KEEP A WATCH ON.

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2. AS I MENTION IN TWO ACCOMPANYING CABLES (N DELHI 8708

AND N DELHI 8728) THE MEETING WAS GENUINELY CORDIAL. HE WAS BOTH RECEPTIVE AND RESPONSIVE, TELLING ME AT LEAST AS MUCH AS I TOLD HIM, AND SO FORTH, THANKS I GOT TO BANGLADESH.

3. I FOLLOWED THE SCRIPT AS PROPOSED TO YOU. HE QUITE AGREED WE MUST BRING UP "IMAGINARY DISAGREEMENTS." I TOLD OF MY IMAGINARY SAMPLE OF POLITICAL SCIENTISTS. POLLED AS TO WHAT WILL BE THE MOST UNPOPULAR COUNTRY IN BANGLADESH IN THE 1970'S THEY WOULD OVERWHELMINGLY VOTE FOR INDIA. WHY? BECAUSE INDIA HAD HELPED THEM. TEJA (HEAD OF THE AMERICAS DIVISION) WHO WAS TAKING NOTES NODDED IN RUEFUL, SMILING AGREEMENT. SWARAN SINGH VOLUNTEERED: "WHO SHOULD KNOW THIS BETTER THAN AMERICA." I TOLD MY NEW YORK STORY. A MAN IS MINDING HIS OWN BUSINESS WHEN A COMPLETE STRANGER COMES ALONG AND KNOCKS HIM DOWN. THE MAN LOOKS UP AND SAYS, "WHY DID YOU DO THAT, I HAVE NEVER TRIED TO HELP YOU?" MUCH LAUGHTER. I THEN SAID THAT IN A SITUATION OF THE DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS, AS WILL NOW BE THE CASE BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH, A BUREAUCRACY WILL BEGIN TO LOOK FOR SCAPEGOATS. IN THE CASE OF AN INDIAN BUREAUCRACY IN BANGLADESH THE PERFECT ALL-PURPOSE SCAPEGOAT WILL BE THE UNITED STATES. THUS WE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY AWARE OF REPORTS COMING DOWN TO DELHI THAT AMERICAN, OR SINO-AMERICAN AGITATION IS BEHIND THE RISE OF ANTI-INDIAN FEELING. AS HE WOULD KNOW, I CONCLUDED, THIS IS UTTERLY UNTRUE AND OUGHT TO BE STOPPED VERY QUICKLY BOTH BECAUSE IT WAS ENCOURAGING FANTASY ON THE PART OF INDIAN OFFICIALS--I SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED THEIR HIGH COMMISSIONER--AND COULD LEAD TO A CALAMITOUS REACTION IF IT BECAME COMMON KNOWLEDGE IN THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONGRESS.

4. SWARAN SINGH SEEMED ABOUT TO AGREE THAT THIS WAS INDEED ALL NONSENSE, WHEN SUDDENLY HE PULLED HIMSELF UP AND SAID IN A FLAT SOLEMN TONE THAT WE NEED TO ESTABLISH A "PROCEDURE," A "TOP SECRET PROCEDURE" FOR TALKING ABOUT THIS MATTER. HE WOULD LIKE TO FEEL THAT IF THEY FIND THERE IS SOMETHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO RAISE WITH US THAT THEY NEED HAVE NO HESITATION IN DOING SO. HE OBSERVED  
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HOW EASY IT WAS FOR SUSPICION TO HARDEN INTO CONVICTION. HE STOPPED.

5. I STOPPED ALSO, SAYING THAT WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A PROCEDURE AND THAT I WOULD WANT HIM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ONLY PARTY THAT HAD ANYTHING TO LOSE HERE WAS INDIA BECAUSE BOTH INDIA AND BANGLADESH ARE A LONG WAY FROM THE UNITED STATES AND THAT NO LAW OF GEOPOLITICS OR

ANYTHING ELSE REQUIRES THAT WE BE INVOLVED WHERE WE ARE NOT WANTED.

6. AS I SAY, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT MAY BE HE WAS STARTLED BY OUR ASKING FOR, INDEED INVITING CHARGES. I SUSPECT WE HAVE TO THINK THIS THE MOST LIKELY EXPLANATION. THEIR BELIEF THAT THESE THINGS ARE SO IS INCOMPATABLE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD URGE THEM TO SPELL THEM OUT. HENCE THEY NEVER HAVE PARTICULARS IN MIND, AND NONE ARE NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THE BELIEF. SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER P.N. DHAR--A FAR MORE INTELLIGENT MAN--HAD JUST THE SAME REACTION WHEN I TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WOULD GIVE ME THE NAME AND THE PARTICULARS OF ANY AMERICAN CAUSING TROUBLE IN INDIA, I WOULD HAVE THE MAN'S ASS OUT OF HERE IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. OF A SUDDEN THIS MOST ACCOMPLISHED INTELLECTUAL WAS STAMMERING AND STUMBLING AND SAYING HE HADN'T ANY NAMES OFF HAND BUT WOULD GET ME SOME. OF COURSE HE CAME UP WITH POOR PETER BURLEIGH A FEW WEEKS LATER, BUT ONLY AFTER THE COMMUNIST PRESS HAD STARTED A CAMPAIGN.

7. THERE YOU ARE. THEY HAVE BEEN SETTLING IN TO THIS COMFORTABLE THOUGHT, WITH LESS AND LESS NEED FOR EVIDENCE. I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP THEM OFF BALANCE BY TELLING THEM WE KNOW WHAT THEY ARE THINKING. MIND, DAN NEWBERRY MAY HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW AND PERHAPS YOU WILL REPEAT THIS CABLE TO HIM. HE HAS A CONSIDERABLE REGARD FOR THE INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DACCA AND EVIDENTLY CAN SAY ANYTHING TO HIM. HE FEELS THE REPORTING COMES FROM LOWER DOWN. AND ALSO, AS WE KNOW, IT COMES FROM WITHIN THE INDIAN CABINET.

8. POSTSCRIPT. IN CASE YOU HAVE LOST SIGHT OF BURLEIGH'S  
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ADVENTURES, HE HAS JUST BEEN ACCUSED BY A CALCUTTA COMMUNIST PAPER OF THROWING THE WEIGHT OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM BEHIND THE CONGRESS PARTY'S PLANS TO CRUSH THE UPCOMING DEMONSTRATIONS THERE. I HAVE CALLED THIS SHIFTING ALLEGIANCE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.  
MOYNIHAN

UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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